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Washington (News Bureau)—President Carter's new budget includes an undisclosed increase for intelligence operations plus a boost in the number of FBI agents assigned to foreign counterintelligence investigations.

Budget Director James McIntyre admitted the manpower boost for intelligence operations, but would not give the size of the increase, or what percentage it represents.

At the Justice Department, however, the FBI's executive assistant director, Homer Boynton, told reporters the bureau needs more agents because it has "additional responsibilities, primarily with respect to the Peoples Republic of China."

He noted that about 1,000 Chinese exchange students—many of whom the FBI believes will be doubling as intelligence agents—are now coming to the U.S. as a result of the normalization of relations between Peking and Washington.

Asked whether heightened U.S.-Soviet tensions meant a step-up in Soviet espionage efforts, Boynton smiled and said, "They're no greater threat now, as far as we're concerned ... than they have been all along."